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TAGS: PINS PINT ET

SUBJ: GRANDSONS OF RAS BIRU BECOME FUGITIVES

1. RADIO ETHIOPIA CARRIED ANNOUNCEMENT JANUARY 30 ASKING POPULATION COOPERATE WITH PMAC IN APPREHENDING MERID AND MESFIN BIRU "WHO HAVE DISAPPEARED FROM THEIR JOBS."

2. PMAC ANNOUNCEMENT ASSERTS THAT FUGITIVES ARE RAISING COUNTRYSIDE AGAINST POPULAR MOVEMENT. HOWEVER, THEIR OPPOSITION SAID TO HAVE VERY MUNDANE ROOTS. THEY OWN 22721 GASHAS OF LAND IN HARRARGHE AND HAVE INCURRED TAX DELINQUENCY OF E\$3.1 MILLION, ON WHICH THEY HAVE DEFAULTED. ACCORDINGLY, THEIR PROPERTY HAS BEEN CONFISCATED, RADIO SAID.

3. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT MAY RECALL THAT ACCORDING TO WIDELY REPEATED ADDIS STORY, MAJ. MENGHISTU HAILE MARIAM IS DESCENDED FROM A SERF OF RAS BIRU. WE HAVE NO IDEA WHETHER THERE ANY TRUTH TO THIS REPORT OR WHETHER, IF TRUE, IT HAS ANY BEARING ON SITUATION OF FUGITIVES.

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